

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	
Takahiro NAGAOKA et al.	)	Group Art Unit:
Application No.: Unassigned	)	Examiner:
Filed: September 23, 2005	)	Confirmation No.:
For: REINFORCING BAR BINDER,	)	
WIRE REEL AND METHOD FOR	)	
IDENTIFYING WIRE REEL	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, it is requested that  
this application be amended as set forth herein.